

# WORLD AGENDA

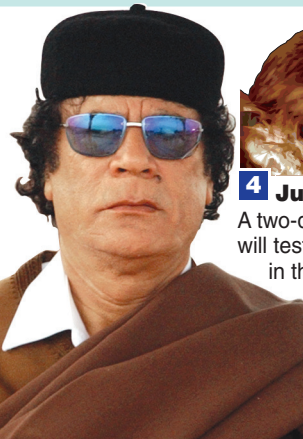
## JUNE 2006

**1 June 9, Munich:** Underdogs Costa Rica take on hosts and three-time champions Germany in the first match of the *FIFA 2006 World Cup*. The four-week tournament sees 32 national teams battling it out for a place in the final at Berlin's Olympic Stadium on July 9



**2 June 4, Peru:** *Ollanta Humala*, an ex-army officer who led a failed military rebellion in 2000, faces former *President Alan Garcia* in the final round of voting for the presidency

**3 June 5, Algeria:** The north African nation hosts *World Environment Day*, which this year highlights the importance of protecting the deserts and drylands that cover more than 40% of the planet



**4 June 7, Australia, Singapore:** A two-day international exercise will test emergency communications in the event of a bird flu pandemic



**5 June 29, Washington:** The U.S. restores full diplomatic ties with Libya by removing the country from its blacklist of states that sponsor terrorism. The move restores normal relations with *Colonel Gaddafi's* regime for the first time in more than 25 years



**9 June 12, Thailand:** *King Bhumibol Adulyadej*, the world's longest-reigning monarch, marks the 60th anniversary of his accession



**6 June 1:** The Atlantic and central Pacific hurricane season begins with up to six major hurricanes and at least 10 other named storms predicted for the Atlantic basin – less than last year's record 28 storms but still above average



**7 June 2, Nevada:** The world's first cloned mule, *Idaho Gem*, competes against his identical cloned brother, and a field of naturally bred runners, at a race in Winnemucca



**8 June 5, Italy:** A court in Milan will decide whether former prime minister *Silvio Berlusconi* and British lawyer *David Mills* should stand trial for corruption. Prosecutors claim Berlusconi paid Mills \$600,000 for not revealing details of the billionaire politician's media empire when he testified in two court cases

